European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations: An Overview of Events and Activities

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This is one video from a contest held during European Year of Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity.

Enjoy: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdTqhBK01eg
The European Map of Intergenerational Learning

GENERATIONS UNITED WEBINAR,
NOVEMBER 15TH 2012
Presentation overview

- Importance of Intergenerational Learning
- Overview of EMIL
- Significance of EY 2012 – European Year on Active Ageing & Intergenerational Solidarity
- Examples of EY 2012 activities
Intergenerational Learning

- **Defined**: Intergenerational Learning (IL) is a process through which individuals of all ages acquire skills and knowledge, but also attitudes and values.

- **Importance**: An effective way to address a number of issues, many of them key government priorities, such as building active communities, promoting citizenship, regenerating neighbourhoods and addressing inequality.
What is EMIL?

- Established in 2009, the network uses the existing expertise of partner organisations already working in the field to create a learning network for others involved in intergenerational programmes across Europe.

- EMIL has developed a sustainable infrastructure to collect, exchange, disseminate and network results, knowledge and expertise in the field of Intergenerational learning.
EMIL membership

- The network is based on a collaborative and cooperative approach with over 350 members
Aims & Objectives

- Providing a showcase of intergenerational learning in policy and practice in Europe;

- Resource to other disciplines who are interested in embedding IL into their work;

- Provides space for a shared passion and concern, exchange and opportunity.
Outputs

- National profiles and policy briefs
- Newsletters and E-bulletins
- Thematic working groups & Translational research
- Concept and discussion papers
- Case studies
- Useful links

http://www.emil-network.eu/resources
As one way of working, the EMIL network has decided to work within a number of subtopics that network members are interested in exploring and feel should be considered in more detail.

Working this way builds on members existing interests, making it easier for them to contribute.
EMIL’s EY 2012 Programme of Events

- EMIL’s response to EY 2012 - National roundtable events to be held across Europe
- Invited audience of professionals, older people and students to discuss a number of key questions from their national perspective.
- Each event will produce a summative report of its discussions which will be drawn together into a Final report - European Comparative study

http://www.emil-network.eu/featured
• What is EY2012 and what does it promote?

“This European Year offers the opportunity to mobilize all actors and resources to find innovative solutions to address the demographic challenge and create an age-friendly environment allowing all citizens to lead more active and independent lives for longer” (AGE website)

• Who is involved?
  - EY2012 Coalition
  - Participating Countries
Why a European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012?

A statistical portrait of the European Union 2012:

- Changing population structure and demographic changes

Why a European Year for Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity in 2012?

EUROBAROMETER SPECIAL SURVEY ON ACTIVE AGEING


• Views of European citizens on demographic ageing and intergenerational solidarity

• Opportunities for interaction(s) between the generations
2012 – European year for active ageing & solidarity between generations

- Raise awareness of the contribution that older people make to society and spread good practice.

- Encourage policymakers and relevant stakeholders at all levels to take action with the aim of creating better opportunities for active ageing and strengthening solidarity between generations.

- The EU can support this in policy areas such as employment, public health, information society, transport and social protection.
EY 2012 USEFUL LINKS


EY 2012 projects & initiatives

- **generations@school Project**

- **Life Story Challenge**

- **The European Economic and Social Committee Video Challenge - Fostering intergenerational cooperation**

- **Intergenerational Film Festival**

- **Other EY 2012 Initiatives**
Focus on Social Justice
Age Friendly, IG Equity/Equality, Safer, Shared and Confident Communities, IG Aspects of Peacebuilding

Community connections – awareness, small grants, training, development, network

Organisational – linkage, partnership working, training, newsletter

Lobbying – promotional events, consultation responses, research, contact decision makers

EY2012 as an important platform for all
Current LGNI Activities

- LGNI Core work – Training, support, small grants
- Partnership working – Cooperation Ireland, DOJ, YCNI, WEA, Belfast City Council
- EY2012 specific work
- EY2012 events
- Lobbying
Age Sector Platform & Northern Ireland Youth Forum ‘Is it Fair?’
Intergenerational Conversations
EU Youth in Action
Community Safety Research Launch
One Island All Ages

PROTOTYPING PLAN

TITLE: Community Garden
Developed by: Lizzy Bosim, Adriana, Katherine, Siheon

COMMUNITY

SPACE WITHIN FOR COMMUNITY TO DEVELOPED, ALL AGES USED BY THE COMMUNITY

WHO ARE THE USERS

- 8-14 Students
- Youth Groups
- After School Clubs
- Active Retirement Group
- Locals
- Seniors
- Groups with Special Needs
- Elders
- Newcomers
- Children
- Toddlers

HOW WILL RISKS BE MANAGED

- Management Committee
- Insurance
- Security System
- Fire Equipment
- Safety Measures
- Health and Safety
- Grounds Management

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES

- Products: Space, Teaching, Knowledge, Friendships, Networks
- Use of Skills: Education, Health, Greens, Others
- How to Achieve in 90 Days

WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN 90 DAYS

- 30/60/90

WHAT RESOURCES ARE NEEDED

- Space
- Funding
- Volunteers
- Knowledge
- Committee
- Grass Seed

WHO ARE THE PARTNERS

- Local Area Council
- Local Government
- Community Members
- Members of Local Groups
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Members of Local Groups
- Members of Local Groups

DAYS

- 30/60/90
Questions???
Save the Dates

- **November 30** – Deadline for MetLife Foundation/Generations United Best Intergenerational Communities Award applications.
- **December 1** – Deadline for Generations United Conference Call for Proposals
- **December 4** – Generations United Press Event and Report Release: *Hunger and Nutrition: What’s at Stake for Children, Families and Older Adults*
- **December 13** – Learning Network Webinar: Hunger and Nutrition
- **July 30 – August 2, 2013**: Generations United Conference in Washington, DC
News

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